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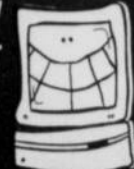
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Walk and talk ...

Local MLA Richard Marz and Ralph Klein visit during the Premier's stop in Didsbury last Friday. Klein took the time to tour the Didsbury Hospital and talked to media while in the area.

Lord's Prayer will stay in Chinook's Edge schools

Onslaught of letters help convince trustees the Lord's Prayer should be a part of the opening exercise policy.

by Richard Westlund

The Chinook's Edge School Board will keep the Lord's Prayer in local schools.

But they are sending the policy back to the policy makers to see if they can find a way to include minority rights in a better fashion.

Most of the trustees have been bombarded by mail and telephone calls expressing desires to keep the Lord's Prayer in the classroom. Many of them said that was a motivating factor for keeping the prayer in school.

The board ended up passing a motion to keep the Lord's Prayer in the schools but to investigate ways to include the minority. The policy will now be rewritten but will come back to the board.

"We have to learn that diversity is important," said Superintendent Jim Gibbons adding Alberta is a melting pot of diverse cultures and should be celebrated.

"We have to go beyond just having the kids opting out."

The issue arose a month ago when a Bowden area couple, Corinne Dueck and Art Reesor, made a presentation to the Chinook's Edge School Board asking them to remove the Lord's Prayer from classrooms because "it shows Christianity as the only religion" and that "it highlights one religion over another."

At the time of the presentation the policy stated the board endorsed the use of patriotic and/or religious exercises and instruction but that provisions for students whose parents requested an exemption (in writing) would be made.



Roy Brassard



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Klein makes stop in Didsbury while campaigning

by Richard Westlund

Ralph Klein made a brief 45 minute stop in Didsbury on Friday during a whirlwind campaign of centres in Richard Marz's Olds/Didsbury/Three Hills riding.

Followed by an entourage of television and newspaper press from Calgary and Red Deer, Klein took a tour of the Didsbury Hospital, which was in danger of being shut down last year, and then answered questions posed to him by the wall of media in the building's entrance.

The first question posed to him was about high natural gas prices.

"We have implemented generous rebate programs," answered Klein, adding the rebates have had an affect on the national economy.

After the quick discussion on natural gas prices, the focus switched to healthcare and even more locally on the Didsbury hospital.

Klein said the Didsbury Hospital had changed its focus from a full-scale hospital to a unit which better represented the population.

"It shows some thinking," he said.

Keeping to the course of healthcare, Klein was asked by another reporter about the difficulty of rural centres securing enough doctors.

Klein said he thought a place like Didsbury would be a fantastic place for a doctor to work. He said along with the small-town atmosphere, it was a town that was close a major centre.

He also talked about incentives the provincial government offers doctors to take positions in rural areas.

But Klein did recognize that doctors are not always willing to accept that role.

"You can bring a horse to water, but you can't make him drink."

Klein was also asked by a reporter what he thought of Nancy MacBeth's comparison between himself and Brian Mulroney.

The reporter said MacBeth stated Klein was like Mulroney because the longer the two politicians were in power the more arrogant they got.

The reporter finished his question by asking what Klein thought about comparing himself with the former prime minister.

"Well, I've got to be seven inches shorter than him," mused Klein.

The reporter asked the ques-



Premier Ralph Klein addressed the media during his visit of the Didsbury hospital last Friday. Klein spent about 45 minutes at the hospital where he took a tour and answered the media's questions on high natural gas prices and healthcare.

"We have a full commitment to the healthcare system. No system is ever going to be perfect but we are trying to make it the best it can be."

- Ralph Klein,
Premier of Alberta

tion a second time, to which Klein answered he hardly knew the man as a person and that if the press wanted to know arrogance, they should talk to the ministers that Nancy MacBeth worked with when she was still a Progressive Conservative.

Klein commented the PC government was committed to healthcare and that the province has the highest per capita spending on it in Canada.

"We have a full commitment to the healthcare system," said Klein. "No system is ever going to be perfect but we are trying to make it the best it

can be.

Having this hospital up and running is a good example of that."

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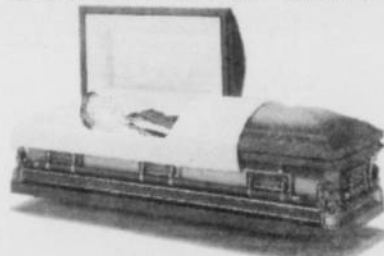
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Chamber of Commerce**Chamber backs Towne Centre proposal***by Richard Westlund*

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce approved a motion on Feb. 12 to support the Didsbury Towne Centre which is still in its infant stages.

Lance and Linda Plewis, who pitched the idea to Town of Didsbury council last month, gave the chamber a presentation regarding the structure that would fill in the hole by the existing train station that was left when the gazebo was extracted.

The structure is designed to conform to the style and historical character of Didsbury's downtown core.

Other purposes of the building include bridging the gap between the train station and the commercial buildings to the north, to be the focal point

of Didsbury and to be used as a sound barrier between the town and the train tracks.

Uses of the building would include being a jump-off point for all open air functions, performances and markets, a meeting place for tours, dignitaries and small groups.

The building could also be incorporated into functions the town already hosts such as Midnight Madness and Show and Shine.

At the town council meeting last month a letter of endorsement was sought from the Town to finish the requirements of an application to the CPR Legacy Fund grant application.

The Town gave their letter of support the following day, but the grant application was never filed.

School Board boundaries consistent with past votes*by Richard Westlund*

The voting boundaries to elect school board trustees this fall will remain the same as the election three years ago.

At the January Chinook's Edge School Board meeting, a four-person committee of trustees Ron Fisher, Stuart Little, Jackie Swainson and Ian Taylor was established to examine if it was beneficial to change the boundaries so they matched up with the municipal lines.

At the Feb. 14 school board meeting the committee reported back to the board and made the recommendation that the lines be left the way they are to prevent confusing an already apathetic school board elector. At the last school board

election voter turnout was less than 30 per cent.

Currently a corridor exists because the Chinook's Edge Sub Division 6 boundary south one section does not line up with the existing County of Mountain View electoral ward. A motion was made at the January meeting to make the change but was defeated in a vote.

The committee also recommended that outside help be hired as council members may have something at stake when changing the lines.

After the report was given, the school board voted to dissolve the committee which was created a month ago to look at this issue.

Chinook's Edge School Board Notes**Board will publicly recognize teachers and staff***compiled by Richard Westlund*

* The Board received for information a letter from EPCOR regarding the contract signed between the two parties. Chinook's Edge School Division, as part of the PICA Group partnered with EPCOR Energy Services to purchase electricity at a recent MAP auction. It is projected that this procurement will save the Chinook's Edge School Division \$322,174 over the five years of the contract.

* Letters from Minister of Learning Lyle Oberg and Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services for Alberta Learning Mat Hanrahan were accepted for information. The letters clarify that Alberta Learning has funded an estimated increase in energy costs from September 2000 to March 2001 and will monitor the School Board's costs if additional funds will be needed for that period. The government has a March 31 year-end so the school board is assuming that additional funds for April 2001 to August 2001 will come from next year's budget.

* The Board carried a motion to direct the superintendent to arrange a presentation made by Sylvan Lake parents wanting Primary French Immersion program implemented in Sylvan Lake. At the present time, eight Kindergarten parents and 11 Grade 1 parents would enroll their child(ren) in a K/1 Primary French Immersion Program for September 2001.

* Received as information was a letter from Dr. Lyle Oberg, Minister of Learning, describing

Chinook's Edge share of the over \$458,000,000 in additional Kindergarten to Grade 12 funding provided to Alberta schools since 1999. Total additional funding to the school board according to the letter was \$10,176,200.

* A motion was carried to approve the name changes of two Olds schools. The Career High School will be changed to Career High Outreach School and the Olds Partnership School will be changed to Old Partnership Outreach School.

* The Board received for information a letter from G. Spornitz, principal of River Glen School, that was advising the Board they will be implementing the appropriate procedures to put in place a compressed calendar for the 2001-2002 school year.

* A motion to direct the Superintendent to place on the March 14 agenda for the School Council/Board Meeting the question "What criteria would local communities identify as indicators of an excellent school system?" was carried. The PSBAA has established a Task Force to review the funding of education. The task force is examining the criteria of what makes an excellent school system. The task force asked whether or not the Chinook's Edge School Board would be willing to hold a consultation with the community this Spring to provide an opportunity for the community to identify what they believe constitutes an excellent public school system.

* The board denied a motion to support the YouthSafe Outdoors initiative in the amount of

\$1,000 for a project that would see the development and distribution of safety and risk management support resources to those involved in delivering outdoor pursuits in schools in Alberta.

* A motion was carried to grant Hugh Sutherland School's request for permission to participate in an out of country field trip to the United Kingdom. The request was postponed at the Jan. 17 Board meeting pending the receipt of further information. The Chinook's Edge School Board also approved the following trips: H.J. Cody school is planning a trip to the Bamfield Marine Station in B.C., the Olds Junior Senior High School is planning a trip to Vancouver, B.C. for a band festival, Olds Junior Senior High School is planning a trip to Yellowknife, N.W.T. for its Students Against Drinking and Driving members, Olds Junior Senior High School is planning a trip for its wrestling team to Saskatoon. A motion was also carried to accept for information an article from the *Scholastic Grapevine* regarding the issue of field trips.

* The Board decided that a higher profile was needed for educational issues and awareness of the role of the trustees during the upcoming provincial election. A motion was passed that each trustee provide updates on plans for the Trustee Awareness campaign.

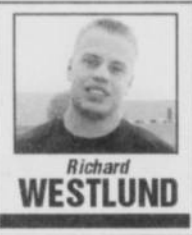
* A motion was carried by the Chinook's Edge School Board to publicly recognize the contributions of all educators and staff of the division during Teacher/Staff Appreciation week.

**Magazine Drive ...**

Rory Ewanchyna, of the Canadian Community Reading Plan, recently made a presentation to the students at Westglen school regarding their annual magazine drive. Westglen will receive one-third of the sales they collect in sales of various magazines. The drive ends on Feb. 27.

OPINIONS EDITORIAL

Public Input



**Richard
WESTLUND**

Most of the trustees on the Chinook's Edge School Board got the message loud and clear.

The issue of the Lord's Prayer and the suggestion of it being removed from local classrooms seemed to pinch a nerve of the community. And it was the community which responded and made the decision to keep the Lord's Prayer in the school an easy one.

School Board Chairman Roy Brassard said the issue that was raised, when a Bowden area couple made a presentation to the School Board asking that the Lord's Prayer be removed from the classroom, has evoked one of the largest responses he has ever experienced even as an MLA. Brassard stated during the hour long debate on Feb. 14 that he received about 80 letters on the issue - only two supporting the notion that the prayer needed to go.

Brassard said the School Board had a responsibility to its electors as well as its students.

The hundreds of letters the school board received in total on the issue was a reminder of this.

What happened on this issue isn't always the norm. Often political concerns and opinions don't make it past the walls of the coffee shop.

But this should be a lesson in how much power we have as an electorate. The effort to keep the Lord's Prayer was not a publicly coordinated one and yet a colossal impression was made on the decision makers.

This is something Canadians need to do more often. When we are concerned we need to sit down for an hour and put our words on paper. Politicians need guidance from us so they can raise their sails and be propelled by the political winds that blow.

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Guest Editorial

The word "discrimination" has evolved throughout time

At one time a discriminating person was considered to be a wholesome sort with excellent taste in food, clothing, music, literature, who chose pleasant friends and enjoyed meeting and discussions with interesting people. To be called "discriminating" was a compliment. The word not only implied the possession of sound values but also a good measure of humour, tolerance, and compassion.

The process of discriminating involves making a personal choice, a preference for peach over pineapple, for beefsteak over pork chops, for pasta over potatoes, classical music over country music, hockey over football, Fords over Chevys, wine rather than whisky, dark meat rather than white meat and so on.

If challenged, the discriminating person would insist his or her choice was a matter of personal taste and those who chose pineapple, pork chops, potatoes, country music, football, Chevys, whisky and white meat were also people of discrimination with different tastes. So there!

Back then, in a more rational time, thoughtful people realized that contrast between one thing and another was the key to understanding. How could the ancients have discovered metals if the ores of copper and iron looked exactly like sand?

If tigers and tapirs had looked and acted alike would the primitive hunters have dined or been dinner?

How could chemists have discovered the elements without differences in solubility and chemical reactions?

External reality is a world of contrast, an infinity of difference. No two people are exactly alike and the situations affecting any given individual vary widely and may abruptly change. He or she, then, will make a series of choices in search of stability. The choices are discriminatory, rooted in personal taste and history.

The choices are usually common-sense judgments which rarely affect others.

Lately discrimination has fallen into disrepute. The word has been getting very bad press and a worse trashing in the media as one group or another howls that they are being badly treated, or have been badly treated in the distant past. Always, the word discrimination is hoisted as a battle flag, a symbolic curse that must be erased from the language and the evil attitude expunged from every person and watchdog.

No doubt the constant nagging in the press and media, the laws passed by legislative bodies and the judgments handed down by the courts will bring an end to discrimination.

Only dogs will be free to bark and bite.

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Wonderings of the heart

Hang in There!

By Margaret Fradley

This past fall, I made the decision to try my hand at carpet bowling, a first for me. Recently a friend mentioned they had not seen an article in the paper regarding my carpet bowling experience. Could this perhaps be because my experience has been anything but encouraging?

I discovered that, faithfully attending each game, I was a real asset, but the problem was, I was an asset to the 'opposition'.

It had seemed so easy - just throw that ball down the carpet, and come as near to the little white ball at the other end of the carpet as you can. The first part was easy, just throw the ball, but somehow the ball completely lost sight of the little white ball and often went right by it or flew off the carpet half way down. It seemed totally out of control.

However, it has been great fun, I owe much to my patient team members and even our opposition who always continued to encourage me. I hope with more practise and concentration. I too will be able to master this fun game and make my team proud of me, even occasionally.

It is great to watch the concentration and expertise of some players, but I have also observed that even the most skillful of players have their "off days". So after all, my experience has been a very encouraging and a positive one.

Whatever we undertake, we just need to "hang in there" until we get the "hang of it".



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FROM THE MAILBAG

Canadian Firearms centre released questionable survey results

Dear Editor:

The Canadian Firearms Centre really shot itself in the foot on its newest survey results.

The previous CFC survey showed 3.3 million gun owners, each owning 2.67 firearms. Aside from the fact that previous government surveys had showed much higher numbers and that the government's methodology was shown to be extremely flawed, we will make the "Great Canadian Assumption" that government is always right and that 900,000 firearms owners gave up their guns in the last two years.

These firearms owners would divest themselves of their firearms in a lawful manner of course, resulting in 2,403,000 firearms being sold off or turned in.

If these guns were sold through Canada's remaining 450 firearms retailers, each retailer would have to have handled 5,340 used guns through their respective stores. You would think our retailers might notice this rather large influx in an industry where a few hundred

gun sales a year per store is most common.

They could have been turned over to the police, resulting in Canada's police stations being buried in a stack of guns approximately 34 feet deep and an economic loss of \$1.15 billion (average \$500 per gun).

Lastly, they could have been sold to other firearms owners. But wait.

Since the implementation date of Dec. 1, 1998, all firearms transferred have to be registered upon transfer and the total number of new registrations to individuals since the implementation date is only around 110,000.

So where did the 2.4 million guns go? Simple. The Federal Gun Fairy took them. At least my story is more believable than theirs.

Sincerely,

Tony Bernardo,
Executive Director,

Canadian Institute for Legislative Action

Alberta man questions government's record

Dear Editor:

Premier Klein has many Albertans convinced that his government has a proven record of fiscal responsibility. However, a major study by the University of Alberta-affiliated Parkland Institute, entitled *Giving Away the Alberta Advantage* and dated November 1999, disclosed that: "Under the Klein administration, Albertans have received less than half as much in oil and gas revenues per unit of oil and gas produced than under Peter Lougheed (1971 to 1985). The study goes on to say: 'Had the Klein administration continued to collect energy rents at the Lougheed rate, an additional \$3.78 billion per annum (in constant 1996 dollars) would have accrued to provincial coffers between 1992 and 1997.'

Yours truly,

William Dascovich,
Vegreville, Alberta

Separatist parties are found throughout Alberta's past

by Sen. Nick W. Taylor

First, I would like to make a definite distinction between alienation and separation. Separation is alienation that has progressed to a terminal state where its main thrust appears to be greed. There is no question that those that support a separate Alberta believe that their taxes will be lower, that the rest of the country has been living off their work, and Alberta is going to stay rich for some generations to come.

Alienation, or to use a milder term, disaffection, is widely spread in any democracy, particularly one of our size and diversity. It would be most unusual to have a national government that is perfectly in tune with all the people all the time. In fact, governments are rarely in tune with most of the people most of the time.

In Canada for instance, we have our Atlantic provinces upset over the federal management of their fisheries and that their share of oil and gas royalties are less than Alberta's. Quebec's drive for separation is based on cultural difference. Ontario (yes, Virginia, even though they all vote Liberal federally), most of who vote conservative provincially, feel as the Alberta disaffected feel. They say they have been

the main spring of confederation and have paid more into confederation for more years than any other province. They use a system Alberta might try, vote one party federally and the opposite provincially. Wouldn't it really put the cat in amongst the pigeons if Albertans voted Liberal provincially and Alliance federally? Right now, provincially and federally, we seem to want to sit on the same end of the political teeter-totter.

As to Alberta remaining prosperous forever ... I can clearly remember the happiness on my parents faces and those of our neighbours, when we received apples from BC and dried cod from Nova Scotia in the 1930's as well as a federal government subsidy to pay half the wages of the hired man.

So alienation is present or maybe even necessary in a healthy democracy and only gets worrisome when it approaches the stage of separation, as it is threatening to do in Alberta. Could it be that separation is a combination of personal greed with a hostile media who saw their favourite son, the Yamaha SeaDo salesman, go down to defeat?

We should recall our own history. In the federal election of 1980, Alberta's then favourite son, Joe Clark, was

defeated by another person from Quebec, Pierre E. Trudeau. Within a year, the Western Canada Concept Party had been formed and in a 1982 by-election, we elected the first separatist in the history of the Alberta Legislature. Déjà vu?

While we are on history lessons, Alberta, maybe because of the chinooks, has fostered a number of new parties, most of which are doomed to disappear like the snow under those same chinooks. We organized the United Farmers Party in 1919, and in fact they were strong enough to govern Alberta from 1921 to 1935, but in their march on to Ottawa were absorbed by the Liberals and Conservatives. This was followed in 1932 by the formation of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF) now the NDP. As an aside, I wonder if those that argue for western separation, not Alberta separation, realize that the national government would probably be NDP as they now are governing three of the four western provinces.

In 1935, we put out the Social Credit Party. It was successful provincially, but not federally. Then came the Western Canada Concept which I mentioned earlier, disappearing shortly after birth. Our last political saviour to be

born in Alberta's manger was the Reform Party in 1987 with its "West Wants In" platform. Due to the flesh pots of Sodom and Gomorrah along the Rideau and the thoughts of national power, they decided to become a national party, hence the Alliance.

This political insanity which seems to hit Albertans every so often has now started again in Red Deer and will no doubt have a large number of people touting its cause, pushed by a media who hasn't had anything sensational for a while. As a student of the political scene I note that a lot of the same people talking alienation are those who became unhappy with the Conservative national government back in the 1980's, in spite of the fact that, that government supplied Alberta with the Deputy Prime Minister, President of the Treasury Board, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the strongest representation of any province in the country to the National Capital. Still, these people were unhappy, and moved over to support the Reform. Now that the last horse they bet on, has fallen on its face coming out of the gate, they want to separate and just have a one horse race.

Senator Nick W. Taylor for the Calgary Herald

Third quarter reveals revenue is up, taxes are down



Richard Marz

Albertans have worked hard over the last eight years to build the many Alberta Advantages that make this province great - and it just keeps getting better.

With another large debt payment on tap, increases to energy revenues and the province's new 10 percent single-rate income tax, Alberta continues to cement its

reputation as the country's best place to work and live. Provincial Treasurer Steve West's release of the Third Quarter Fiscal Update February 5, revealed that the province's revenues are up, while debt and taxes continue to go down.

In just seven years, the government has spent \$15.8 billion from our debt. This year's payment of \$5.6 billion means that our debt will drop down to just \$6.9 billion.

This is down from \$12.5 billion at the start of the fiscal year. The rest of the country can only look on with envy as we continue on our path to be debt-free

within the next few years.

High energy prices are, of course, as mixed blessing. The province's revenue is up more than \$6 billion dollars from the original budget forecast. Of course, high energy prices on the world market also mean higher heating bills.

The government stepped in to shield residents and businesses from high energy costs, and continues to do so. More than \$900 million was spent to help families, schools, hospitals, non-profits, farms and businesses to cope with the increased costs. The average tow-adult home will receive \$1,680 this year, merely one of the reasons as to why it pays to be an Albertan.

The new 10 percent single-rate provincial income tax, which came into effect January 1, means that Albertans are paying \$1.5 billion less than in 1998. Combined with the \$1 billion tax cut for Alberta businesses over the next four years, Alberta's economy grew by 6.1 percent, and nearly 35,000 new jobs were created with the province. We can expect further growth, with 150,000 jobs forecast over the next four years.

This aggressive tax cutting has helped Alberta lead the nation with the lowest provincial and municipal tax load, which stands at 80 percent of

the national average. Since 1998, Albertan's average disposable income has risen 14 percent. That's \$2,800 more each Albertan can spend as they wish.

In the midst of all this prosperity, Albertan's continue to have some of the best services in the country, with essential spending increasing by nearly \$1.5 billion over the budget estimate. In addition to the \$900 million spent on energy programs, \$560 million went to school modernization, health facilities, farm assistance, and improvements in health and children's services.

While releasing the third Quarter Update for Budget 2000-01, Dr. West also released Blueprint 2001, as economic and fiscal framework for the province of Alberta. The governments plan shows that Albertans will continue to receive top notch health care, as essential spending for health and wellness is projected increase of about \$700 million, or 15 percent, over the next three years. This will also bring the base budget up to \$5.2 billion by 2003-04.

When you put all of this together, what does it add up to? Hard work plus sensible spending plans equals the Alberta Advantage. It's a proven formula, and one that this government will continue to follow.

FROM THE MAILBAG

Good samaritan stopped to help during storm

To the Editor

I'm wishing to express my family's gratitude to a number of people who gave us their assistance last night on the 2A. We found ourselves caught in the Valentine's Day Blizzard coming home from our son's Atom A hockey game in Olds. It was about 8:50 p.m. when approximately 1/2 mile north on 2A from the 582 junction, we lost sight of road from the white-out

blizzard conditions and ended up in the east side of the ditch. We were crawling through the blizzard at about 30 km/h when the shoulder slowly sucked us into the ditch and our car quickly became stuck. We were sitting there deciding what to do next, who to possibly call that could reach us in this awful blizzard. Within a few minutes a few cars came upon us and thankfully stopped. The gentle-

man from the first vehicle came up to our car to make sure that we had a phone and also helped us try to push our car out. We soon realized that it was useless. We were concerned as we had our two children with us. We huddled in the car with a girl on her way home from working at Boston Pizza in Olds. She was very kind and managed through the storm for the rest of the distance to town and dropped

us off safe at our home. She told us of how she had previously hit the ditch and how no one stopped for her. Thank you to all these kind and very thoughtful people, for taking the time to make sure we were all right and were willing to give whatever it took to assist our family in such a scary situation. I wish I could have had the time to take down everyone's name and number so

I could thank them all properly later. To whoever you are please accept our sincerest gratitude for being so kind. I vow to stop the next time I happen upon someone in trouble!

This is all I can do to repay these wonderfully kind people for going out of their way to help!

Sincerely
The Cameron Family

New Democrat candidate joining the provincial race

To the Editor:

I am running in the Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills riding as a New Democrat. I am a health care worker concerned about the future of Alberta. I am proud to say that the New Democrats are the only party that will not take corporate donations. I feel they best represent the average Albertans' interests. My principals will not be compromised to run for this party in any way. I have been fortunate to have taken part in the creation of their policies over the past few years. They have come a long way in a short time.

Did you know that in the 1999-2000 budget that the public donated a direct 4,978 million dollars in Alberta Tax dollars while corporations only donated 1,812 million dollars in direct Alberta Tax? Did you also know that during the same period we received 650 million dollars from Alberta Health Premiums while it cost us 4.7 billion dollars? Did you know during this same period that Albertans owned/contributed over 82% of over the 19,100 million dollars of income for this year while the Federal Government only contributed less than 8% while corporations only contributed less than 10%. Did you know that Health Care costs Albertans 34% of the total income generated by Albertans not including the corporate share and federal share? We were doing great without private for profit health care. So why is it that Corporations wants and needs come before Albertans' when we account for over 82% of the income? Our income includes monies received for the sale of public assets which our tax dollars created.

When we own public utilities, we generate our own income and reinvest to create a stronger and more efficient utility. This is how we kept costs down for the consumer and yet were able to expand. The other factor would be that when they are publicly run, they are publicly accountable for everything they do. This is no longer happening in the Province of Alberta. We no longer generate that income and reinvest with the same. We now use public money to help the private corporations succeed with higher costs to the consumer. These corporations are making millions in profits. We are not talking about the small business population of Alberta here. I need to emphasize that we now have corporate greed not public need the main focus in Alberta. I want to

change that.

Alberta was built on the success of farming, agriculture, oil and small business. Small businesses are now being overpowered and bought out by huge corporations that have come in that are being given big tax break incentives. They say it is for job creation, yet after a few years the dollars go south along with our jobs. The small oil companies that started out in Alberta are now owned by big US Corporations. Again the money goes south. What will we do when the oil fields dry up in Alberta? The field around here has been going strong for over thirty years. Production is not what it used to be. What will we do then?

There is now a dangerous experiment being conducted on our public schools. The research lab started out in Nova Scotia, where new schools were desperately needed. The public officials were eager to keep debt off the books and responded to the demand for new schools and the need to replace crumbling infrastructure by allowing corporations to build, own and control new schools through public private partnerships, or P3's. The province leased back the schools over a 20 year lease and will pay even more money to buy them back. While the government attempts to dodge debt that would come from financing the school construction themselves, despite the fact governments loan money much cheaper than the corporations, communities and taxpayers are left to deal with the fallout. Di-

minished community accountability and loss of local control are a couple of the P3 problems. The scope of the experiment is startling, particularly in light of the fact that far from saving public dollars, lease-back schools end up costing the public millions more, make then an expensive shell game. Why are we going to open two of these schools in Alberta? Our children are not for sale! We need to reinvest and increase infrastructure funding. We need to continue to put pressure on the Federal Government to increase this funding back to previous levels. We need commitment of our Government for the same.

Unfortunately, with Bill 11, many MLA's were not aware that in Edmonton, Alberta Health Care paid \$200 for a surgery and yet in Calgary, more than twice the amount was paid for the exact same surgery. The public also had to pay out of pocket. Alberta health may be paying for both the surgeries, but it is costing us more than twice as much. Why did the MLA's vote in favour of something before researching the issue completely? Information was coming in from several directions reflecting this very thing? If a car was priced at \$10,000, would you pay \$20,000 to the dealer next door for the same car? I say shame to the politicians for not researching something that will be costing taxpayers more in the future. Our new surgical facilities that are going to be set up have not been stated as being publicly

owned and operated and publicly accountable. What is the plan for them? Corporate greed or public need. Please address your candidates with your concerns and above all, please vote. Get your-

selves informed on the issues affecting your future.

Sincerely
Brenda Dyck,
Candidate
Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills

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Town Office
Town of Didsbury Public Meetings

Regular Council: Mar. 21
MPC: Mar. 2
Corporate Services: Mar. 13
Community Services: Feb. 27

New Development Permit Applications

The following Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 07-01 1610-15 Ave. Women's Safe House & Shelter R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Ave. or by calling 335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing to the secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on March 7, 2001.
Robert Wigg - Development Officer.

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Dr's Dave and Kristen Phillips
will be on vacation during this time

The office will be
Closed Monday February 19
for Family Day

Didsbury on track to remove train whistling in town

by Richard Westlund

A presentation was made to Didsbury Chamber of Commerce last week explaining the process the Town would have to go through to eliminate the horn at two Didsbury crossings.

Town of Didsbury Manager Evan Parliament appeared before the Chamber and expressed the Town's desire to eliminate as many of the horn blasts as possible as the trains travel through town. "Last November, council identified this as an issue," said Parliament addressing those present at the Feb. 12 Council meeting.

Parliament said the crossings of 15th avenue and 20th Avenue are the ones being looked at. If the Town was able to get an excess amount of funding they may look at the crossing on the 582 Highway.

Parliament introduced two

guests he had brought with him to shed some light on the process of having the noise removed from the crossings. Gayle Momenick of Transport Canada and Lyle Berge, manager of Community Relations for Canadian Pacific Railway addressed the Chamber about the purpose of the horns and the stipulations that would have to be met in order for the noise to be removed. Currently the horn must be blown, by law, at least one quarter mile before a marked crossing. The intensity of the blast must be 96 decibels 100 feet ahead of the engine with a margin of error of plus or minus four decibels. Berge said engineers driving the trains are very cautious about sounding the horn because their actions are monitored by a black box located in the locomotive. At the same time, he said, engineers

who excessively blow the horn are also dealt with. Momenick said that in order for Didsbury to be exempt from the whistle blows, they would have to set up gates and flashing lights.

In addition, Didsbury would have to make an attempt to solve the trespassing problem in town by building a fence to keep people from crossing the tracks where it is prohibited to do so. She defined a trespasser as any unauthorized person on the land. The Town has already looked at the cost of putting up the fence and the amount came to an approximated \$23,000.

The Town of Didsbury made a previous attempt at having the whistles removed in the town but that was scrapped because of the trespassing problem. Olds installed a fence to have the whistle-blowing stopped in their community, but after holes were

found in the fence they set up, Transport Canada instructed CP Rail to blow the whistles once again. Momenick said in addition to building the fence the Town would have to come up with a plan to have it maintained. Berge said in the past

negotiation have taken place between municipalities and CP Rail sharing the costs of the fence. Although in most cases it is the municipality who picks the majority of the tab, Berge said CP Rail is always open to listening to suggestions.

In the courts

Woman broke probation by fighting

An area woman placed on probation for two years following an impaired driving conviction in 1998 has been fined for breaking that probation.

Charmaine Rockwell, 24 pleaded guilty in Didsbury provincial court on Monday to a charge of breach of probation.

The accused was charged after becoming involved in a bar fight in August 2000, court heard.

That fight broke the condition of her probation that she remain in good standing with the court.

Judge M. Delong fined Rockwell \$300.

Chinook's Edge announces new Assistant Superintendent

The Chinook's Edge School Division has hired their new Assistant Superintendent.

Dorothy Negroptes has been appointed to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Chinook's Edge School Division and will fill the void that was created when Lyall Thompson took the Superintendent/CEO job for the Rocky View School Division.

Negroptes is a former president of the Alberta Middle School Association and is a Covey facilitator for 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and Four Roles of Leadership. She also serves on

the Provincial AISI Planning Group. "Dorothy brings to this position a wealth of knowledge in school based administration, as well as Curriculum and Instruction," says a Chinook's Edge press release.

"Her leadership in the Alberta Initiative for School Improvement has been noted throughout the province."

Negroptes holds a Bachelor of Education with Distinction from the University of Calgary and a Master of Science from the University of Oregon.

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In Ottawa**MP Thompson says
Liberals didn't
carry out promise**

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose, says the Liberal's defeat of their very own campaign promise is hypocrisy and arrogance at its finest.

"The Canadian Alliance moved an Opposition Motion last week, calling for the implementation of an independent Ethics Counsellor, who would report directly to Parliament, and not to the Prime Minister's Office. The text itself was lifted verbatim from a seven-year-old Liberal election promise," said Thompson.

In 1993, the Liberal Red Book made the following promise: A Liberal government will appoint an independent Ethics Counsellor to advise both public officials and lobbyists in the day-to-day application of the Code of Conduct for Public Officials.

The Ethics Counsellor will be appointed after consultation with the leaders of all parties in the House of Commons and will report directly to Parliament.

"Incredibly, the Liberals defeated the motion in order to shield the behaviour of the Prime Minister. He has lobbied for grants to the Auberge Grand-Mere, a hotel in his riding, to the tune of \$3.25 million, while he had a financial interest in the adjacent real estate."

"We gave the Liberal an opportunity to restore openness, transparency and integrity to government. The Prime Minister, however, made this a 'confidence motion.' It's odd that confidence in the Government means helping the Prime Minister avoid accountability."

"The Liberals simply made fools of themselves on this issue," concluded Thompson.

**Lord's Prayer deemed to be a
cultural part of school by Board**

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Chinook Chair Roy Brassard said the amount of response he received on the issue rivalled any other in all his years of public service including the years he spent as an MLA. He received about 80 letters from people who supported the use of the Lord's Prayer in the schools. Brassard said while he was in office that a written letter was considered to represent 100 other people of the same opinion.

"If that's the case, we have a lot of support to keep the prayer in. We not only have a responsibility to our students but also to our electors," he said during the hour long debate that preceded the motion. "I can't support any motion that is going to weaken our position on the issue."

Brassard was strongly in favour of keeping the Lord's Prayer in the schools. He said it was his motion 25 years ago to put the prayer in. At that time, he said, it was mandatory that everyone recited it. He said things have changed and now reciting the prayer is optional.

The chairman went on to say that he believed the classrooms were becoming a "sterile environment for teachers" with the loss of discipline and the chang-

"It's 60 seconds to realize that the world is bigger than me."

- Ian Taylor,
School Board Trustee

ing attitudes of the Lord's Prayer.

Brassard went on to mention that the national anthem has Christian references in it.

"God keep our land is in our national anthem. Those are strong words," said Brassard adding the lyrics are representative of the country. "That is part of our heritage, of who we are. We have an obligation to keep what we have going on."

Trustee Ian Taylor also received much response from the people he represents. While thinking about the issue in between meetings he asked some of his Muslim friends what their take on the issue was who believed nothing was objectionable.

"I don't think children are going to be harmed (by the Lord's Prayer). It's 60 seconds to realize that the world is bigger than me," he said, which

was followed by clapping from one of the observers who sat in on the meeting.

Reesor, who attended the meeting to see if the presentation would have an effect on the school board's policy, was in attendance for the outcome. He said he had mixed feelings about the decision.

"I guess knowing that the policy was set by these people, I didn't think any changes would be made," he said adding that he was happy to a very slight degree that the board would investigate ways to include minority religions.

During the January presentation, Dueck and Reesor said they would file a complaint against the Chinook's Edge School Board to the Alberta Human Rights and Citizenship Commission. When asked after the decision if that option would still be explored, Reesor responded, "We will look at it."

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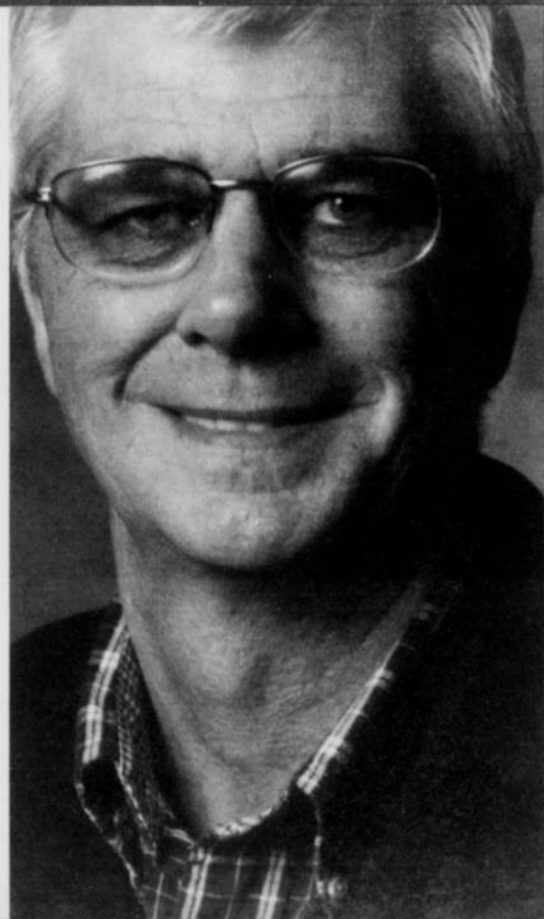
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In the Air Force

by Richard Westlund

The decision Jason Spreeman made for himself last year has changed his life dramatically.

Instead of going to college or taking a job directly out of high-school, the Didsbury graduate headed south and enlisted in the United States Air Force.

On April 5, Spreeman will have been away from Canada for a year. It hasn't always been easy for the 20-year-old, as his decision positioned himself hundreds and hundreds of miles from his fiancée and family.

"I did it because I wanted to get away a little bit and I had the opportunity to do this because I have dual-citizenship."

After enlisting with his cousin Ryan, Spreeman spent six-and-a-half weeks at basic training in Wichita Falls, Texas.

The experience wasn't too physically taxing for the Didsbury native, who grew up on a steady diet of hockey and physical education classes.

"I have been told the army basic training is more physical, but the Air Force training is more mental. We still had to do the physical drills."

From the moment he got on the bus, the drill sergeants were in the recruit's faces and screaming orders. The purpose is to break down the way the men have acted in the past and train them to be soldiers that will follow an order without questioning it. Spreeman said when he got off the bus, one of the officers reminded the group that "it was all a game."

During the basic training phase of his adventure, Spreeman was put in charge of his unit. That meant it was up to him that the men in his unit acted the way they were supposed to.

"If there was a problem or somebody made a mistake, I got yelled at," he recalls.

The basic training days started at 4 a.m. with running and pushups.

After basic training, Spreeman went to tech-school for four months where he learned to perform the tasks required to do his present job. Working the night shift, Spreeman is responsible for checking the weapon and electrical systems of the F-15 E fighter planes which are kept on the base in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where he is stationed now. He is also responsible for loading the weapons onto the planes.

The night shift is the busy one at the base as the planes fly their practice missions during the day. The F-15 E is used by the United States when conflict arises and were used extensively in the Gulf War.

Working on the base is a much different experience than basic training. Spreeman isn't required to be at work until 3 p.m., and his physical regiment of working out is now completely managed by himself.

Spreeman's record on the job and tech-school (he completed his requirements in the least amount of time among the recruits) has already earned him some opportunities.

He travelled to Tampa Bay this year during the Super Bowl because planes from Goldsboro were booked to fly in formation over the stadium.

So far Spreeman hasn't had the opportunity to take a ride in one of the fighter jets. The base does offer incentive flights and one of Spreeman's goals is to make one of those flights.

After Spreeman's four year enlistment is up, he would like to take business at a United States post-secondary institution. Because he will have honored his commitment to the Air Force he will receive a \$24,000 U.S. scholarship for the institution of his choice.

The North Carolina base is heavily recruited by representatives of different United States schools, who even offer classes at the schoolhouse.

In addition to going to school, Spreeman is also hoping for an opportunity to travel one day soon.

He said the Air Force offers opportunities to do some work overseas, and that is an opportunity he would like to pursue in the future.

Spreeman receives 30 days a year of leave time. He spent ten of those last week in Didsbury making wedding plans with fiancée Lauren Markhurs. But he had to go back today. And that is one of the drawbacks Spreeman has had to face with the decision he has made.

"There have been ups and downs," said Spreeman of his experience so far.

"It's hard to be away from friends and family, but it is a good opportunity to meet interesting people."

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- Jason Spreeman



LIFESTYLES



At The Kitchen Table

by
Noreen Olson

My Mom and Dad were married in 1924 and from the day of her marriage until her death in 1995 Mom's wedding ring never left her finger. At her request it was then given to my sister Donna. Following Mom's example Donna has never removed her wedding ring, and up until this week neither had I. Stevens Jewellers in Olds, removed it with a neat little cutting tool.

This year marks our fortieth wedding anniversary and there are two reasons why my ring had never been removed, one was sentimental and the other unavoidable. There was no way I could get that ring off, tighter than a suntan it had worn its own groove into my finger and people often asked if it caused a circulation problem. It didn't, but I sometimes wondered what would happen if I got an infected cut or Heaven forbid an insect bite. I could imagine my finger rapidly turning purple while Ralph probed my throbbing, swollen, flesh with wire cutters.

Wedding ring stories seem to be common in our family. Soon after my Dad's parents were married they were fishing in a small boat. Will was rowing while Ruby trailed her hand through the cool water. Suddenly, and to her horror she saw her new gold wedding band making its glittering way toward the lake bottom. She was heartbroken. That evening as Will cleaned the days catch he noticed something shiny in the guts of a fish and Lo and Behold Ruby's ring!!

I was supposed to have that ring and my Aunt Mina planned to give it to me but when she died her miserable idiot husband sent us an old Jewel Box that contained what was obviously Aunt Mina's rejects, a broken string of pearls, pins with no catches, mismatched earrings. When the box was empty it still rattled so Mom opened a corner of Inside upholstery and found 2 matching wedding rings, one smaller than

the other. We think they must have belonged to Aunt Mina and Steve, her long dead first husband.

I have the wedding ring that belonged to my Mom's Mother. Her name was Anna Mattem and inside the wide gold ring it says, "Din, J.H.M." Din is Norwegian for "yours" and the initials are my Grandfathers. This ring will go to my daughter someday. I'm not sure who will get Aunt Mina's. Ralph's parents first wedding rings are here on the farm. Mom's somewhere in the garden. Dad's out near the corrals. The family gave them new rings for their 50th Anniversary.

There is some dispute over the of the origin of wedding rings. Some say that the ring is symbolic of the bonds barbarians used to tie a bride to her captor's home. I prefer the theory that the ring has no beginning and no end and so signifies eternity. Early Greek physicians believed that "The Vein of Love" ran directly from the ring finger to the heart so that was the logical finger for your wedding ring. Early Hebrews placed the wedding ring on the index finger and in India they were worn on the thumb. The average Roman housewife wore her gold band only for show. For everyday she wore a "ring of iron." Finger rings were first used in Egypt around 2800 BC. A fortieth wedding anniversary is supposed to be commemorated with rubies. I have never had a ruby and truthfully never coveted one but I am pretty much a traditionalist so as our anniversary approached I began to think about how I might wear a ruby. Unless I can have one the size of a pigeons egg I don't want a pendant and I have nice lapel pins and lots of inexpensive but favourite earrings. Perhaps the time had come to bite the bullet and replace my wedding ring.

Watch closely for new episodes of Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous. The grey haired woman with the little ruby in her new wide wedding band is me.

Around the Circle

Didsbury Library will host the Brown Bag Travel Hour

By Marge St. Clair

Thur. Feb. 22

Brown Bag Travel Hour at the Didsbury Library 12:00 noon sharp. Great Smoky Mountains and area. Second showing at 1:00 p.m.

Thurs. Feb 22

The Fibromyalgia Support Group will meet tonight at the Presbyterian church in Olds at 7:30 p.m. Please phone Mel Terpstra 335-3527 for more info.

Sat. Feb 24.

This is the evening of the Roast Beef Dinner and Auction Sale at the Didsbury Curling Club. The auction, some silent, some bidding is open to all who wish to come and see all the wonderful items on sale. More details by phoning the rink 335-3661 or 335-8277 evenings.

Mon. Feb 26

St. Cyprians ACW will meet at the church Hall at 1:30 p.m. for the monthly meeting. New residents to town and district most welcome.

Tues. Feb 27

Bingo is played every Tues. nite at the Elks Hall on Main Street. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Mar. 1

Today we are going to "Dollywood" at the Didsbury Library Brown Bag Travel Hour at 12:00 noon sharp. This is 125 acres of exciting moments and memories, all showcased in the

beautiful Smokey Mountains setting that Dolly Parton still calls home.

Fri. & Sat., Mar 2 & 3

This is the evening & day of the Didsbury Lions Club annual fundraising bonspiel. Phone the Curling Rink 335-3661 or Bruce Smith 335-9173 to enter a team, ladies, men or mixed from the general public. Come and enjoy the Lions Club members cooking also, they do a great job. You do not have to be a Lions Club Member to participate. Hope to see you there.

Sat. Mar. 3

Theatre Didsbury with their new play "Run for Your Wife" will be on stage at Westcott Hall. All details and tickets by phoning Brenda Wagner 335-3292.

Attention Seniors - Get Active

A.S.C.S.R.A. Summer Games are being held in Lethbridge July 24 - 27. For zone and area playoffs please contact Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058 or Newell Russell 335-9963.

Sat. Mar. 3

A new celebration at Lone Pine Hall, with entertainment from 8 p.m. till midnite to celebrate "Maritime Night." This will feature Maritime, Celtic and Irish Music. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and there is a mid evening lunch featuring Seafood Chowder. Tickets by phoning 335-2350 or 337-2212. Enjoy!!

Background to Mental Health

Mental illness in children and adolescents can be treated

A fifteen-year-old boy is admitted to hospital after he develops fatigue, unusual behavioural problems at school, withdrawn social behaviour and refuses to communicate with his parents and teachers.

His family is hopeful that an easily treatable medical condition like an infection perhaps a temporary hormonal problem may be the cause. In hospital the young man has regular visits from school friends but soon requests "no visitors".

After two days he tries to leave at 2:00 a.m. but fortunately is stopped by a nurse who had stepped outside on her break.

During their conversation he tearfully reveals his fears that the doctors and nurses inside are actually trying to poison him. He is showing signs of mental illness.

Mental illness is never pretty, especially when it affects our children and adolescents. Psychotic illness like schizophrenia are usually diagnosed during the early adult years, just as the brain is reaching physiological maturity.

As many as 3 percent of people will have a psychotic episode at sometime in their lives, making these conditions more common than diabetes. Fortunately, virtually everyone can be helped with treatment and many people fully recover.

People who suffer from psychosis can display a number of disturbing symptoms. These symptoms may include confused and disorganized thoughts, a sense that thoughts speed up and slow down, and a preoccupation with false beliefs or ideas. Some people with psychosis believe others can manipulate their thought or that they can manipulate the thoughts of others. Some may hallucinate or hear voices. Symptoms like hallucinations, paranoia and illogical thought patterns can be profoundly frightening, especially for young people.

Compounding the problem is the stigma rooted in myths and misunderstandings that society attaches to mental illness. The person suffering these symptoms may try to hide their illness, but without understanding and treatment their condition may worsen.

"Many people are incredibly relieved to dis-

cover effective treatments supportive health care professionals, and opportunities to speak with other people like themselves," explains Dr. D Umess, Medical Services, Clinical Director, Telemental Health Program, Alberta Mental Health Board.

Psychosis can be the result of genetic inheritance, a brain injury, a physical illness, or in response to stress. Psychotic symptoms can occur in a number of treatable conditions including schizophrenia, severe depression, bipolar disorder (manic depressive illness) and substance abuse.

Treatment not only focuses on symptom control with the help of medications and sometimes hospitalization, but emphasizes working with the person to better understand their illness and its treatment through counselling, psychoeducation, and rehabilitation programs. The person recovering from a psychotic episode needs to regain self-confidence and self-esteem.

As much as possible, treatment teams work to help the individual maintain a daily routine. As with any mental illness, families play an important role in the treatment program and their involvement improves the outcome.

If someone notices a disturbing change in their children or adolescent's behaviour, it is important to seek help by visiting a family doctor or a community mental health clinic. Early assessment and treatment reduces suffering for everyone involved and improves the chances of healthy outcomes.

The Alberta Mental Health Board works to preserve and restore mental health and to prevent mental illness whenever possible. Mental health services are free of charge to consumers and are provided through 78 community clinics, a telepsychiatry services, four specialized hospitals and partnerships with 200 funded agencies.

The Board also works closely with regional health Authorities and physicians throughout the province. For more information about Children's Mental Health or mental health issues, call the Alberta Mental Health Board Public Information Line at 1-877-303-2642 (AMHB).



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Words of Westglen**Westglen school Band travelled to Camp Caroline**

by Alicia Penner

Good afternoon! All the students have had a great week, and hopefully you have too.

All grade seven and eight band students attended Band Camp in the past two weeks. From January 31st to February 2, 2001, the grade eight band travelled out to Camp Caroline for a fun, yet hard-working time. The grade seven band took their turn when they went to the same camp from February 5th to February 7th, 2001. An indoor pool and hot tub, a games room with foosball and ping-pong, an outdoor skating rink, excellent places to hike and a tubing hill provided remarkable entertainment for both students and teachers. Nevertheless, the camp wasn't all fun and games. The band was split up into sections (the flutes, the trumpets, clarinets, percussion etc.) and

had specific instruction on how to properly take care of their instrument, and classes on how to play their instrument better. A guest conductor came to instruct each band, and give Miss Stockley (the present band teacher) a break and an opportunity to listen to the bands without having to conduct. Over the three days that each band was there, they practised roughly 10 hours, and came home sounding much improved, but exhausted. While the band students were off at camp, the others in grade seven and eight attended other fun activities. For example, some of the students went to the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, and saw the Egyptian artifacts display. They also went to a dinosaur dig site in Calgary, while others went swimming and skating. It would be nice if every week was

like this!

Basketball season is unfortunately almost over. Everyone is having a blast, and learning a lot. The Girls' A Team is representing Westglen School very well. This energetic team is going to many other schools showing off their obvious talent. Although some games were lost, others were won, and everyone enjoyed working as a team. The Girls' B Team has had a very successful season, ripping up the court, showing the world how Westglen School can play. This team has one more tournament before the end of the amazing season. The Boys' A Team has done extremely well in all of their games. Throughout the whole time, they really announced their talent. The Boys' B Team has had an enjoyable season, playing tournaments in other

schools, displaying talent of every kind. Great work!

Love was in the air ... and so was the excitement of it all! Valentine's Day came faster than we thought and sparked an obvious excitement in Westglen School. A dance was held on the 16th of February to celebrate, and the annual "No-Talking" contest was also held. The con-

test was for all grades, and everyone participated.

On separate days, each boy or girl was given a name-tag with a heart on it. The opposite gender tried to get the ones with the name-tags to talk to them. If they succeeded, they got the name tag. The person with the most name tags at the end of the day won.

Bancroft Women's Institute**Women's Institute offering quilting material to the Bergthal Church**

The February meeting of the Bancroft Women's Institute was held in Carstairs at the home of Pat Vantetering.

The hostess chose the song 'Let Me Call You Sweetheart' to open the meeting. For Roll Call, Valentines were exchanged and several members were able to recite poems they had learned in school.

Jean McCulloch reported that four quilts were delivered to Didsbury Social Service and five were given to the Salvation Army. Extra quilting material will be offered to the Bergthal church women's group. The last in the series of card parties will be held February 23, 7:30 p.m. at Midway School. Grand prizes will also be awarded at that time.

Elsie Brander reported on the Didsbury Hospital Auxiliary annual meeting. The Wild Rose Constituency executive meeting report was given by June Lore and Pat Vantetering. The District 5 Conference will be held at the Old's Lutheran Church on March 10. Bancroft delegates

will be Pat Vantetering and Lila Kurtz.

Handicraft Convenor, Pat Vantetering demonstrated a craft using small logs or branches to make decorative articles such as snowmen and centre pieces.

For a 'Bit of Fun' members were asked to name the coun-

tries of Europe. With all the changes that have taken place recently, this proved to be very difficult. Elsie Brander came up the winner, naming nearly half of them. June Lore won the tea prize.

Next meeting will be March 12, 1:30 p.m. at the home of Elsie Brander in Didsbury.

**Ross Ford Elementary
2001-2002 KINDERGARTEN
Registration/Information Evening**

Mon., Mar. 5th, 2001, 7:00 p.m., Ross Ford Elementary-Library

In accordance with Chinook's Edge School Division #73 Policy HGB1 "Students eligible for Kindergarten must attain the age of 5 yrs. On or before Dec. 31 of the school yr. In which the student applies for admission to Chinook's Edge School Division number 73."

You will be required to bring copies of child(ren)'s birth Certificate(s) and Alberta Health Care card(s), street address/legal land description, and to fill in the requested registration form(s) during the evening. Information on programs will be provided during the meeting.



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Antiques & Collectibles: Old Coins, "Georgette" (Worn by British Officer 18th C.), Men's "Waltham" Pocket Watch, Chinese Statue w/Rosewood stand, Silver Powder Sniffer, Sterling Silver Case w/Ivory Cg. Holder, Ass. Tea Cups & Saucers, Candy dishes, Mother of Pearl dish, Brass Bell, Vase (Arthur Wood England), Dainty dish on Pedestal (Germany, numbered/gold trim), Spc. Imperial Silver (triple plated), 2 sets R.S. Germany Sandwich plates, cups & saucers, Marble Bird bath/4 birds, Plate Gold trim (Decorated in Hong Kong), Brass trivets, Silver & Blue dishes (salt licks), Brass Plated Weigh Scale, Brass Angel candle holder with Mother of Pearl, Brass Candle holder with snuffer, Old Brass Vase, Brass Goose, Very old Filigree Silver sachet holder, Mini Limoge plates, Mini Coffee cup Hand painted w/gold outline, Sterling Owl plate, Children's Wooden Trunk, Children's Leather Purse, 1 set American Beauty Cream & Sugar, Petite Paint Royal Albert Teapot & Porcelain Trivet, Old Metal Crayon Holder w/Orig.Crayons, Mini Sifter (sampler), Hand painted Easter Egg gift box, 1912 Book (Reminiscences of Old Victoria), Pair Leather handmade baby shoes, Mini Rubber Boots (Chicago Rubber Co. sampler), Trinket boxes, Pewter & Glass Sachet, Tea Cozy & Egg Cozy (Hand embroidered), Doll Pattern, Hand Beaded Material, Mini Cards, Ivory Needle holder & hook, Costume Jewelry, Old Jewelry (Pink Polished Coral Necklace Very Old, Hand painted Brooch, Coronation Medal E.R. Dated June 2, 1953, Postal clerks pins, Vintage Blue Brooch & Earrings, Doll Bead Necklace & ring), Very old Victoria Phone book dated 1890, Ebony Hand Mirrors, Walnut Clothes Brush, Old Manicure set, Powder Compact, Pocket wallet, Hand Embroidered Wall Plaque (Happy Mother's Day), Old Measuring spoon, Old keys, Delfe Blue Jug (Holland, Numbered), Eskimo Carvings, Cheese Cutter, Tin Hat Box

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South West Didsbury News**World Day of Prayer will arrive at Zion church**

by Mrs. Bessie Eckstrand

Best wishes of the area go to Danny Meyer who recently broke his leg and is recuperating at his home southwest of Didsbury. You picked an awful time to do that Danny! Neighbours and friends are helping with chores and calving.

Mary Goerzen (of Crossfield and now Calgary - and sister of Frank Neufeld) underwent heart surgery on February 14. Mary is a retired nurse of former Calgary General Hospital.

Lucy Newsome and Erna Goerzen were hostesses to the February Westcott Coffee Party on February 14, Valentine's Day. Tables were decorated in red and white decore and Valentine fancy cookies, strawberry tarts, and muffins were the tasty offerings to 19 ladies and 15 children. All had a great

time.

Westcott Hall kitchen has taken on a great new look, with lovely new cupboards and arborite.

Dates to note:

1. Next brunch will be on March 28 with Hazel Miller, Bessie Eckstrand, and Sally King as Hostesses.

2. Knox U.C.W. Meeting will be held the afternoon of February 27 and there will be a report.

3. Presbyterial U.C.W. is February 24 in Ponoka.

4. World Day of Prayer will be held March 2 at Zion E.V. Missionary Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Westcott W.I. hosted the February 14 Birthday Tea at the Didsbury with Ruby Kimmel receiving a card for her 95th birthday.

Ross Ford Report**Fair featured 45 science and education products**

By Joelle Milne, Davia Daub and Nathan Brilz

On February 13, Ross Ford had its annual Science and Education Fair. Mr. Dickson told us that there were fifteen Science Fair projects and thirty Education Fair projects. Students had about one month to work on their entries. There were five volunteer judges. Thank-you to all of them!

Students who were chosen can go on to

the County Science Fair which will be at Westglen School in Didsbury on February 24, 2001. All the students that entered worked hard on their projects! Fantastic job to all of you. The staff at Ross Ford was treated to a delicious breakfast Wednesday, Feb. 15, and what a wonderful way to start the day. Thanks to the parent counsel for organizing this event and to all the parents who contributed.

Part time work and high school classes may not mix

Does working part-time while in high school affect a student's grades? The prevailing belief is that part-time work teaches students the importance of self-reliance and provides them with skills that they will need in the marketplace.

However, a recent study of 26,000 second year and graduating students from 1,000 high schools in the United States tells a different story. A study conducted by Kusum Singh, a professor of educational research at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, suggests that the more hours students clock, the fewer

math and science courses they take. The study found that "even when students' socioeconomic status and previous educational achievement were taken into account, jobs still had a 'significant negative effect' on course work and achievement in math and science." Singh determined that the more hours students logged at their jobs, the less likely they were to take courses and perform well in those subjects. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the number of high school students holding part-time jobs has risen steadily over the past two decades. In

1994, 42 percent of high school seniors, 33 percent of juniors and 15 percent of sophomores worked part-time.

Singh's study supports the findings of Harold Stevenson. In 1992, Stevenson published an article in Scientific American showing that students in the U.S. place a greater emphasis on making money than they do on obtaining good school marks. Stevenson's article, which compared American and Asian students, said that the primary wishes of American children were for money and material objects, hence the need for part-time work.

Municipal 2000 Sponsorship Program

• Alberta Municipal Affairs introduced this three-year program in 1998 to provide conditional grants to promote innovation, cooperation and excellence in local government.

• The program is open to any city, town, village, specialized municipality, municipal district, improvement district, special area, or Métis settlement with a population of 20,000 or less (excluding summer villages).

Results of special initiative in 1999/2000

Last year's special initiative for fire and disaster services training under the

Municipal 2000 Sponsorship Program achieved the following results:

• 229 municipalities received fire training materials and equipment to assist their local volunteer fire departments with public education, fire prevention and suppression activities.

• 113 municipalities received training to develop fire protection master plans

• The Alberta Fire Training School provided the Safety Codes Officer Training Initiative (SCOTI), which included 30 one-day courses and five four-day courses in 20 rural Alberta locations.

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Did you know that **four** other provinces including **New Brunswick** spend more per pupil on public education than Alberta?



Faces

a brief glimpse at people and events in our community

Compiled by Shelley Brolsma



Eunice Swalm

World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 2nd at 2 pm, men and women in over 170 countries around the world will fold their hands in prayer with the hope of saving hundreds and thousands of women who have fallen under oppression in Western Samoa. Those in prayer in the Didsbury area will

be gathered at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church.

Eunice Swalm - one of the local organizers for the World Day of Prayer - has participated in the event in the past and is convinced that the cumulative effect of prayer is substantial. "I believe that we are making a difference: although we may not even know how or where...it certainly brings us closer as a community," she says.

Each year a host Church seeks direction to pray for a new country by the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada (WICC). The WICC then distributes information about each of the areas involved in the program. "This year's program will consist of a Call to Worship, Prayer for Adoration, Prayer for Confession, Prayer of Thanksgiving, and a Prayer of Intercession," Swalm explains adding that the overall theme for this year is: Informed Prayer, Prayerful Action. Participating Churches this year include: the United Church, Anglican Church, Bergthall Mennonite Church, Catholic Church and Chinook Winds. As has been the tradition in previous years, the World Day of Prayer service is once again non-denominational. "We really want to welcome individuals from all our churches." Coffee will be served following the ceremony Friday, March 2nd at 2pm.

You Don't have to be a Lion to Curl!

Anyone can do the Didspiel this year! No...it's not a new dance, but rather the annual Lion's curling Bonspiel Fund-raiser taking place March 2nd and 3rd at the Didsbury Curling Rink.

And whether you are an avid curler, or simply an avid fan of the sport there will once again be a lot of good-natured fun to be had by all. "We are really trying to emphasize this year that this is not an event strictly for Lions members," says Organizing Committee Rep. Ray Lea. "...we want people to know that everyone is welcome to participate whether they want to compete on a men's team, women's or mixed and regardless of their skill level."

Lea says proceeds from the 3rd annual event are directed to community projects that the Lions support. "Whatever money we make off of the sale of pie and coffee during the bonspiel goes directly to the Lions Club where it is later dispersed through projects they support."

A total of 16 rinks is expected to make up the event with teams ranging from Ponoka to Calgary. If you are interested in registering a Rink for the Didspiel, call either Bruce Smith at 335-9173, Ray Lea at 335-3798 or simply add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Didsbury Curling Rink.



Ray Lea

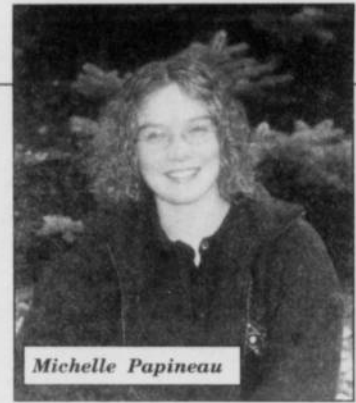
Students hire Hypnotist

Students from the Didsbury High School are hoping to hypnotize you into opening your wallets at an upcoming fund-raiser for their graduation.

To help further their efforts, they've hired the talents of a professional. Hypnotist Mark Savaard will be at Westglen School Friday, March 16th. Grad Committee representatives are hoping Savaard will help draw an even larger crowd to the Silent Auction they have already planned for the evening. Treasurer and Co-organizer Michelle Papineau says local businesses and merchants have been exceptional in their generosity this year through the donation of items for the Auction.

"It's been phenomenal really...practically every place we went to has agreed to donate something for this year's event. We can't thank them enough!"

As far as details about the show itself, Papineau is a bit uncertain. "It's kind of a mystery as to what he will do with his act this year. I was at one of his performances last year and it was really great...the show is expected to last at least a couple of hours though, so I'm sure he has lots planned." Anyone wishing to purchase tickets to Mark Savaard for the March 16th show and Silent Auction can do so by contacting any Grad Committee member. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance or \$10.00 at the door.



Michelle Papineau



Bruce Kemmere

Hockey Mom's & Dad's can make a difference!

There's more to being a hockey Mom or Dad than cheering from the stands, and they can prove it on March 29th this year. That's when the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association will be hosting their Annual General Meeting (time and location TBA) President Bruce Kemmere says it's an ideal time to share any concerns or suggestions they may have. "We are always looking for new and innovative ideas to help run the Association...this is definitely the best time to bring that feedback forward," he says. Some of the items slated for discussion so far include ice scheduling, rising utility costs and volunteerism. "We started block booking with the Town and we are trying to

overcome some growing pains; but all in all I think it is going smoothly." Currently the DMHA consists of approximately 15 board members representing 180 players. Kemmere points out the group is always looking for new members and will, in fact, be appointing or electing those members at the meeting. "We are hoping for a good turnout and some good ideas to be exchanged."

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Focus on the Family



QUESTION: Can you give us a guideline for how much work children should be given to do?

DR. DOBSON: There should be a healthy balance between work and play.

Many farm children of the past had daily chores that made life pretty difficult.

Early in the morning and again after school, they would feed the pigs, gather the eggs, milk the cows and bring in the wood. Little time was left for fun, and childhood became a pretty drab experience.

That was an extreme position, and I certainly don't favor its return. Contrast that workaday responsibility with some families today that require nothing of children — not even asking them to take out the trash, water the lawn or feed the cat.

Both extremes, as usual, are harmful to the child. The logical middle ground can be found by giving a boy or girl an exposure to responsibility and work, but preserving time for play and fun.

The amount of time devoted to each activity should vary with the age of the child, gradually requiring more work as he or she grows older.

QUESTION: My 13-year-old daughter has become increasingly lazy in the past couple of years. She lies around the house and will sleep half a day on Saturday. She complains about being tired a lot. Is this typical of early adolescence? How should I deal with it?

DR. DOBSON: It is not uncommon for boys and girls to experience fatigue during the years of puberty. Their physical resources are being invested in a rapid growth process during that time, leaving less energy for other activities. This period doesn't last very long and is usually followed by the most energetic time of life.

I would suggest, first, that you schedule your daughter for a routine physical examination to rule out the possibility of a more serious explanation for this fatigue. If it does turn out to be a phenomenon of puberty, as I suspect, you should "go with the flow."

See that she gets plenty of rest and sleep. This need is often not met because teen-agers feel that they shouldn't have to go to bed as early as they did when they were children. Therefore, they stay up too late and then drag through the next day in a state of exhaustion.

Surprisingly, a 13- or 14-year-old actually needs more rest than when he or she was 9 or 10, simply because of the acceleration in growth.

In summary, your daughter is turning overnight from a girl to a woman. Some of the physical characteristics you are observing are part of the transformation. Do everything you can to facilitate it.

QUESTION: How can parents prepare their younger children for the assault on self-esteem that is almost certain to come in adolescence? That was a tough time for me, and I want it to be easier for my kids.

DR. DOBSON: Well, one important approach is to teach boys and girls valuable skills with which they can compensate in years to come.

They can benefit from learning something that will serve as the centerpiece of their self-concept during the difficult years.

This could include learning about basketball, tennis, electronics, art, music, or even raising rabbits for fun and profit.

It's not so much what you teach your child; the key is that he or she learn something with which to feel good when the whole world seems to be saying, "Who are you and what is your significance as a human being?"

The teen-ager who has no answer to those questions is left unprotected at a very vulnerable time of life. Developing and honing skills with which to compensate may be one of the most valuable contributions parents can make during the elementary school years.

It may even be worth requiring your carefree kid to take lessons, practice, compete, and learn something he or she will not fully appreciate for a few more years.

LIFESTYLES

Be aware of hazards in using alternative energy sources

During the winter months, people often look for alternative sources of power, light and heat (i.e. portable generators, candles, fireplaces and wood burning stoves). Albertans should be aware of the potential hazards and take precautions to keep their homes and families safe if they use alternative sources.

Alternative Energy Source

Alternative Heating

- Never use a gas range, barbecue or other portable gas appliances for space heating.
- Never bring a propane cylinder indoors.
- Do not burn charcoal indoors because this releases dangerous amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep space heaters at least one metre (three feet) away from anything that can burn, and make sure they are in good repair.

Fireplaces and Wood Burning Stoves

- Keep the damper open for the whole fire. Open it before you light the fire, and keep it open until you've confirmed the fire's out by stirring the ashes and ensuring they are cool enough to touch.
- Burn small amounts of dry, well-seasoned wood at frequent intervals. Large fires can set creosote (tar) in your chimney on fire.
- Get fireplace and stove chimneys inspected by a professional and clean them at least once a year.
- Don't burn paper, wrapping paper or pine boughs, as this can cause sparks to drift out of your chimney and ignite your roof or neighbour's house.
- Use a screen in front of your fireplace to keep sparks and embers in.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable liquids to light a fire, as the vapours will explode.
- Always place ashes in a

metal container, and never store them in your home, attached garage or any other combustible building.

• Make sure the fire is out before going to bed so embers won't rekindle a fire while you sleep.

Also note that it is mandatory to obtain a permit before installing a stove or fireplace.

Coal-heaters

- Burn coal only in appliances that are approved for this purpose and installed according to the manufacturer's instructions and the Alberta Building Code.
- When banking a coal fire, always leave red coals showing to burn off dangerous coal gas.
- Make sure your coal fire has a good draft and proper ventilation to get complete combustion. Incomplete combustion creates carbon monoxide gas.
- Don't over stroke coal fires, because they have a slower release rate than wood.
- Place an approved stove board under the unit to protect the floor from heat and hot coals that might drop out.

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Portable Generators

- Use the generator in a well-ventilated area (preferably outdoors), and
- do not use generators in a home, attached garage or any other building where occupants may be exposed to exhaust fumes

- do not refuel generators indoors.

- do not refuel generators when they are hot or running.

- do not refuel generators near open flames.

- do not smoke when refueling.

• Store gasoline in approved containers, and

- do not store gasoline in a home

- do not store more than 30Ltr. of gasoline in an attached garage or shed.

- do not store gasoline on exterior balconies.

• Be aware that alternative fuel sources like used cooking oil produce ignitable vapours at a lower temperature than cooking oil that has not been used. Vapours from clean cooking oil ignite at about 400 degrees C.

• Use an approved electrical transfer switch to connect electrical circuits to the generator.

• Obtain an electrical permit.

• Employ a qualified person for the electrical work.

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Contact the church regarding Bible Studies, Care Groups, Teen Activities & Children's programs.

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THURSDAY March 8, 2001
(Date)FRIDAY March 9, 2001
(Date)SATURDAY March 10, 2001
(Date)AT: 2101 - 19 Avenue Didsbury, Alberta; Olds Legion Hall, 5241 - 46 Street Olds,
(Address(es) where advance polls will be held)Alberta; Three Hills Town Office, 135 - 2 Avenue South, Three Hills, Alberta

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(Calendar Day) (Day/Month/Year)

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14	Lone Pine Creek	Carstairs Community Center
15	Linden District	Linden Community Center
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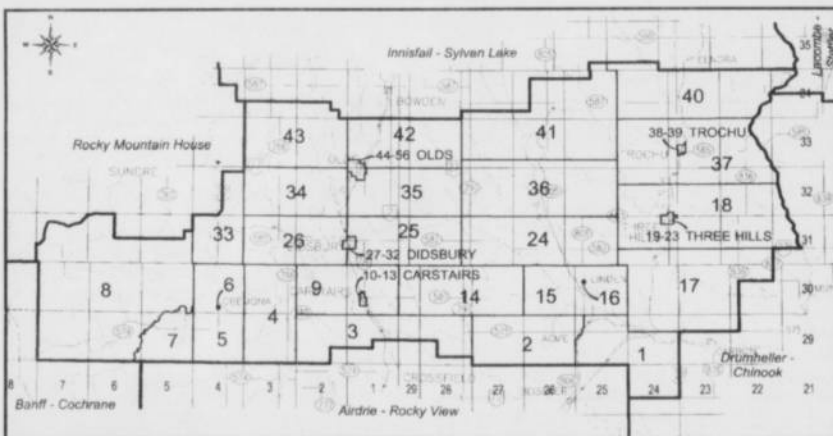
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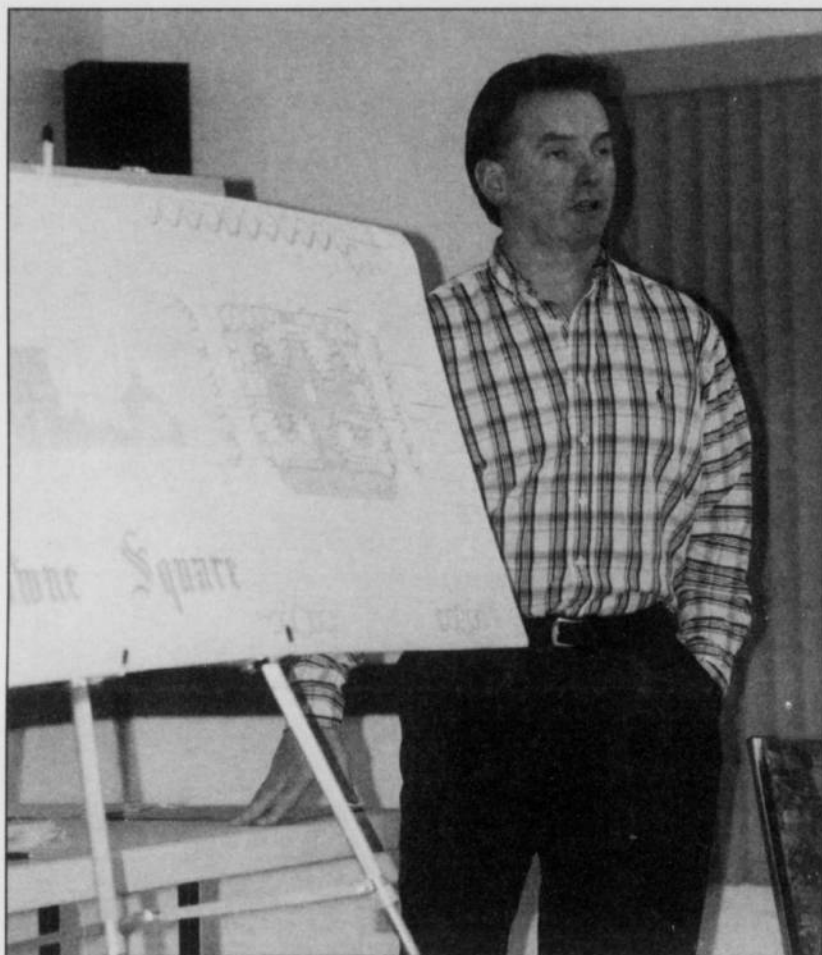
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Towne Centre presentation ...

Lance Plewis told Didsbury's Chamber of Commerce about the plan to build the Towne Centre by the existing train station. The Chamber carried a motion to support the project.

Guide educates cattlemen on environment issues

This new guide is designed to help cattle producers become more aware of environmental contamination. This publication describes potential problems with wintering sites and identifies effective and economical solutions. It also profiles four producers and their successful wintering site management strategies, for real-life examples.

Along with information about evaluating and managing wintering sites and environmental stewardship issues, the guide includes a "Site Risk Evaluation Chart", a glossary, references and sources of additional information.

Although physical factors such as slope, soil type and climate are beyond a producer's control, management factors such as cattle density, runoff control, feeding method and location of water supply can be controlled. "Every site is unique and producers will have to develop and apply strategies that best suit their situation. This guide provides practical solutions to choosing those management practices that best suit individual land, cattle and operating budgets.

Partners of the project include: the Alberta Cattle Commission (ACC), Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA) and the Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Program. Copies of this publication are available through: Alberta Agriculture district offices, the ACC office, and Agricultural Fieldmen. When ordering through Alberta Agriculture, please refer to Agdex 420/580-2.

Also just released is the new video entitled Completing the Cycle: Nutrient Management.

This video will be of interest to both livestock and crop producers. It provides an overview of the nutrient management cycle and ways producers can profit from proper nutrient management planning.

The video emphasizes the importance of manure nutrients and how they are key to offsetting fertilizer costs, gaining a market advantage, and protecting soil, water and air quality. This nutrient management model is no pie-in-the-sky theoretical concept. Across Alberta, many farmers are successfully putting the science of nutrient management into practice. Not only can farm operators realize increased profits and improved environmental stewardship, they can also gain added bonuses of good neighbour relations and improved consumer confidence in their end-product.

The video is available for sale from Alberta Agriculture's Publications Office, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, AB T6H 5T6, or by calling the toll-free line 1-800-292-5697. The cost is \$10 per tape, plus GST, plus shipping and handling. This video can also be borrowed for free from your local Alberta Agriculture District Office.

Planning field shelterbelts

There is more to shelterbelts than just planting trees

Trees for field shelterbelts or wildlife plantings are provided free by the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA). There's more to planting a successful shelterbelt than just picking up seedlings and popping them into the ground.

Advanced planning goes a long way in ensuring the growth of a healthy shelterbelt. The first steps should be:

- review the present requirements
- assess future needs for the shelterbelt protection
- estimate the quality of existing shelterbelts, and
- plan new shelterbelts for unprotected areas of the field

"Probably the best way to start planning for a shelterbelt is to map out the field or site," says Don George, conservation technician with PFRA, Vegreville. "Mark out locations of existing trees, sloughs, buildings, farm access roads and power lines. Then draw in the prevailing wind directions and make note of areas where excessive snow accumulates and causes problems."

Keep all trees at least 30 metres (100 feet) from main buildings and driveways. This eliminates problems with snow buildup. On the planning map, mark the distance around the perimeter of the yard to indicate

where the closest field shelterbelts can safely be planted. Check with the country to determine minimum set back distances from municipal roads. Alberta Infrastructure also has regulations that must be followed if planting next to highways, so check for any that are applicable to the site in question.

"Once the area is mapped out, the next thing is to prepare the site. This is something that must be done before trees arrive," says George. "Get rid of competition so the new trees have the best chance of survival. Make sure to have a weed control plan for after planting. Have some method of watering available to get the seedlings over any dry periods: watering may be necessary, so plan for it."

Field shelterbelts should be tall and long-lived. The area of field protection is in direct relation to the height of the shelterbelt, so whenever possible, plant tall trees. Species such as green ash and Scots pine are tall and provide a significant area of shelter. Planting density depends on the site and the species chosen.

Shelterbelts also trap snow in the winter. The species planted and the density of the tree stand affect the size of the trapped snowdrift. Denser shelterbelts trap snow in a shorter, deeper drift.

"Green ash is a less dense species, so snow distribu-

tion behind a green ash shelterbelt spreads more evenly across the field," says George. "Shrubs, such as caragana, chokecherry and Villosa lilac, provide superior snow trapping and wind protection. They aren't as tall as ash or pine, but they have very dense growth. These species can be used in areas where snow is not a concern, or where maximum protection is required."

A mix of ash and shrub results in a shelterbelt with the density of a shrub row and the height of a tree row. Although several rows per quarter section are recommended, any trees in a field are a benefit.

"Once you know what species you want to plant and where you want to plant them, decide on the number of shelterbelt rows are required to protect the field," adds George. "On highly erodible soils, it's recommended to plant up to five rows of trees at right angles to the prevailing winds. The denser the shelterbelt, the greater the wind protection."

Like gardens, shelterbelts suffer when weeds are allowed to grow unchecked. There are a variety of different weed control strategies, including herbicides, plastic mulch, flax shives, mulch and others. Contact the local PFRA for further information on shelterbelts, ordering tree seedlings and weed control recommendations.

Agri News Briefs

Master Gardener Program to be held in Devon

Heart Month

February is Heart Month. The month when we're advised to watch what we eat, exercise a little more, managing stress a little more effectively, cut down or quit smoking and generally be a little kinder to and more considerate of the life-sustaining pump in our chest. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, rising obesity and smoking among young people point to a increasing incidents of heart disease. Advances in medical treatment have cut mortality rates, but heart disease is still taking its toll on Canadians. "The numbers of deaths are increasing, it's still the number one killer among Canadians, accounting for 36 per cent of deaths," says cardiologist Andreas Wielgosz, a spokesman for the Foundation. While factors such as an aging population contribute to the rise in heart disease, the most disturbing, according to Wielgosz, is the declining fitness of Canadian youth. "Young people are more obese today, they're less active." Take a little time this month and consider making a few changes in your diet, add a few more Alberta grown fruits and vegetables, more whole grains, low-fat or non-fat dairy, poultry, lean meats and fish to combat the growing statistics. It's time to eat a little smarter and put a little more motion into life. There are many websites devoted to health issues, Alberta Health and Wellness <<http://www.health.gov.ab.ca/index.html>> (an internal search for 'heart' will bring up a list of heart related articles); the Heart and Stroke Foun-

dation of Alberta, NWT and Nunavut <<http://www.hsf.ab.ca/>>; Health Canada <<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/>>; and, Health Central <<http://healthcentralsympatico.com/>>

Master Gardener program

This year's Master Gardener Program session begins in March 2001 at the Devonian Botanic Garden (DBG), just west of Edmonton. Trainees entering the program should have a high level of interest in gardening and be prepared for an intensive training program, including lectures and homework assignments combined with practical experience. The course begins on March 7 and consists of lectures and class time for 16 Wednesdays until June 20. Subjects covered include: annuals, perennials, herbs, seeds and seed exchange, plant propagation, plant breeding systems, pest control, vegetables, woody ornamentals, landscaping, lawns, botany, and pruning. Upon completion of the lecture component, students must complete 80 hours practicum/volunteer experience by ap-

proximately summer of 2002 in order to receive their certificate as a Master Gardener. The program, initiated in 1994, is very well attended. Space is limited, so interested people should apply early. It is necessary to fill out an application prior to acceptance in the course. Registration is \$310 and text books are extra. For further information, contact DBG at (780) 987-2064.

Curative powers of blackcurrant

Blackcurrant, known also as Quinsy berry by herbalists, has an impressive list of medicinal properties accredited to it. Its benefits range from curative action on oral and throat ailments; gum strengthening effects; natural treatment for fevers, especially in infants; natural deodorant properties; and it is claimed to be an elixir of life that pro-

motes longevity. Reference books Through the ages describe countless natural remedies that demonstrate and promote the beneficial characteristics of blackcurrant. Besides the berries being health promoting berry and making great jam and jelly, the attractive shrub grows well in Alberta and is a nice touch to any yard. Alberta Yards and Gardens: What to Grow, an Alberta Agriculture publication, has a section on fruit-bearing bushes. This book is available for sale at all Alberta Agriculture rural advisory service offices and at the Publications Office, located in the J.G. O'Donoghue Building, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmon-

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A Dream Come True...



Owning their own business is a dream come true for Reg and Lori Lambert - the most recent owners of the Fas Gas station in town. "We have always wanted to own our own business and when the opportunity came up right here in Didsbury, we simply couldn't turn it down," says Lori.

After spending nearly a decade commuting to and from her job in Calgary, Lori couldn't wait to leave her former career as an insurance representative to pursue another occupation locally. "We moved out here nine years ago to be closer to where Reg worked. He had been working at the Shell Shantz Gas Plant and it just made sense that Didsbury was the place for us to live," Lori explains. "...We were already pretty attached to the community by that point."

It's an attachment the Lamberts are hoping will be mutual; especially with regard to establishing an extensive list of return customers to their Fas Gas station. "We see quite a few regular customers come in here already, but it's a factor that we would, of course, like to see grow. We are hopeful that people realize we are here to give them that extra service other places simply can't provide," she says adding that Didsbury's Fas Gas will be adding at least two new features this spring to serve their clients better. "One of the biggest changes is that we are in the process of installing a new coffee bar sponsored by Nescafe. We're really excited...now when you come to fill up in the morning you can treat yourself to either a regular, Colombian or frothy cappuccino coffee - all in a non-smoking environment."

The other improvement the Lamberts are working towards is the refurbishment of the car wash facility used to house. "We are in the process of doing some renovations to that so it's up and ready to go in the spring when our customers will need it the most."

Of course the friendly small-town service will always remain their number one selling feature - that and their quality gas and diesel waiting at the pumps every Monday to Saturday from 6:00am - 10:00pm and Sundays from 7:00am - 10:00pm. Now that's service!

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Our apologies if we missed someone.

Towards a market focus: the changing face of agriculture

"Like many western Canadians, I grew up listening to stories about the tough times of the 1930's. My grandparent's didn't get to town very often and when they did, their grocery list was limited to flour, salt, sugar and a few other staples," says Ted Darling, farm management specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Airdrie.

"Everything else was either grown in the garden, raised as livestock or harvested as wild game. In the cities and towns, the fare might have been a bit different, but essentially, consumers bought whatever farmers were able to produce.

"If my grandmother could have seen a present-day supermarket, she would have been completely astounded.

"The few items she was familiar with would be lost in the huge selection of food products of every possible description.

"What's more, she'd never have been able to understand that, while they spent every nickel on the bare necessities, a modern consumer's food budget amounts to only about 10 per cent of their income."

The contrast between now and then is incredible. The old system dealt almost exclusively with commodities: meat, milk, vegetables and fruit went directly from the farm to the consumer with scarcely a middleman in sight.

In contrast, the 21st century consumer hardly ever sees commodities in their unprocessed form.

They appreciate the convenience and array of choices that our current system delivers, and are willing to pay for them.

"In addition, the marketplace has gone from a seller's market, where food was often in short supply, to a buyer's market where food products are varied, plentiful and relatively cheap."

From a producer's point of view, only part of the picture has changed.

Productivity and efficiency have skyrocketed, but commodities leaving the farm gate are still much the same as they were 70 years ago.

Adjusted for inflation, prices for these commodities have fallen consistently due to industry's continuing ability to produce high volumes at low cost.

"Not quite so obvious is the reduction in farmers'

share of consumers' food expenditures," adds Darling.

"Seventy years ago, producers received the lion's share of every food dollar spent by consumers. Today, the major costs of food production are processing, packaging, distribution and marketing, while the primary producer's share is often measured in pennies.

"Well-managed and well-financed commodity operations will continue to be profitable since they're usually able to grow larger and achieve economies of scale.

"Small and medium-sized producers are under financial pressure and many are being forced to re-evaluate their businesses."

There may be only two basic strategies for future growth and profitability: large-scale, low-cost com-

modity production and the production and marketing of differentiated niche-market products.

"For smaller operations, joining with other producers in some type of business arrangement may make commodity production feasible, but otherwise, a move to a specialized product may be the best option," says Darling. "It's a fairly safe bet that small and medium-sized farms that produce only commodities will continue to fight an uphill battle."

The agriculture industry continues to change rapidly, and with change comes both risk and opportunity.

For farm business owners and managers, the risk is in being caught unprepared.

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Knowing what to plant is key for success

Commodity prices for traditional crops are not exceptional and it is expected that input costs will be higher than last year. To top it off, there's a lot of uncertainty about how much natural gas prices will affect fertilizers. Still, farmers will plant a crop this year. The decisions they will face in the next few weeks will centre on what crops to plant.

Deciding what to grow is the first step," says Ron Hockridge, crop specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development, Wetaskiwin. "Most farmers follow a crop rotation with most of their acres and swing to a little more concentration on whatever will be a paying crop in the current year. It still makes sense to follow a rotation since that's the cheapest way to reduce disease, insect and weed problems."

Canola has been dominant the past few years, so maybe it is time to put those extra acres into cereals for a while. While returns may not be especially exciting in that area, it gets the farm business back to a more normal rotation.

It may also be wise to consider the type of crop that can be used on your own operation, or sold close to home. Some producers are taking a long hard look at putting more land into perennial forage.

"Weed control is something that has to be done to get a decent crop," adds Hockridge. "Crop rotations and silage

will reduce herbicide costs. Tillage may have a place, too. However, net returns should be more of a determining factor than reduced costs."

The amount of fertilizer to apply will be one of the biggest questions this year. With commodity prices low and input costs high, it seems natural to cut back on the inputs that cost money. However, for the past couple of years, the lowest cost of production often occurred on fields that yielded the best. Costs and returns still have to be pencilled out.

"Marketing could be even more important this year," says Hockridge.

"Locking in prices during rallies is a good first step, but you may have to look to specialty items and commodities that customers want. Specialty oil varieties of canola is one example, but other crops that meet a specialty market could also apply."

Traditional prairie crops have been under pressure for a few years now. New crops may not be suited for some Alberta land and weather conditions, or the market for them may be too small to make much difference on prairie economics.

Taking advantage of the little things may make a difference to the bottom line of an individual farmer though. All of these market, production and environmental factors mean that farmers have more to consider when making decisions on this year's cropping plans.

Bundle up your pipes against winter's freezing cold

Has Jack Frost got your nose? If he does, he might have your pipes, too.

While preparing yourself for the cold winter, make sure to bundle up your pipes. Just like you, your pipes need protection from the cold or they will freeze.

Sub-zero temperatures and frigid wind chills can cause pipes to freeze and burst. The results can cause property damage and high repair costs, but by taking a few preventive measures, you can help protect your home from potential plumbing problems.

"An ice clog can form in a pipe and cause water pressure to build up in the pipe. With all this pressure, a tiny crack in the pipe can unleash more than 250 gallons of water a day," said John Winther, director of plumbing operations at Roto-Rooter. "Fortunately, flood damage from frozen pipes can be preventable."

These tips are offered:

- * Insulate all pipes in areas with no heat, such as the garage or crawl space. Apply heat tape or thermostat-control-

led heat cables around pipes that are exposed and prone to freeze.

- * Seal any leaks around doors and windows to reduce cold air penetration.

- * Allow a trickle of hot and cold water to drip overnight; however, be careful not to run the water into a drain line that is exposed to the extreme cold because that line might freeze.

- * If you are going to be away from home for long periods of time, shut off the main valve (usually next to the water meter) and drain the system by opening a faucet at the highest and lowest points of the house. Make sure the heat is left on and set no lower than 55 degrees Fahrenheit.

- * Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors under sinks to allow heat from the room to circulate around uninsulated pipes.

- * Shut off the outside water valve, disconnect garden hoses and drain water from pipes that lead to outside faucets.

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While most people associate Social Security with retirement funds, it also includes the Medicare hospital and supplementary medical insurance programs, which cover only a portion of health care expenses for beneficiaries who are over age 65.

To apply for Medicare, visit your Social Security office to complete an application. Take your Social Security card, birth certificate, tax return and military discharge papers with you. Social Security will not start your benefits until you apply.

In addition, you should:

* Make sure other health insurance coverage you have knows you are eligible for Medicare.

* Consider a medigap insurance policy that may cover Medicare's deductibles and other gaps in coverage.

* Study the Medicare Handbook to understand

exactly what coverage you have.

If your relatives routinely live into their 90s, you may be even more likely to eventually need long-term care.

Many people automatically think of nursing homes, but there are other options available, such as assisted living and other residential care facilities.

A year in a nursing home could cost from \$40,000 to \$80,000, depending on your area. Experts estimate that about one-third of all long-term care services are paid for by people out of their own savings or investments.

However, more than half of all nursing home costs are picked up by Medicaid, a joint federal and state program that pays for health care for people with

limited income and assets.

To receive Medicaid, you must meet federal poverty guidelines.

Long-term care insurance is private insurance designed to help pay for nursing home or home health care expenses.

Most of these policies pay benefits when long-term care is prescribed by a physician or when someone can no longer take care of basic needs.

But preexisting conditions may be excluded from coverage, so make sure you understand what is not covered.

For help planning your retirement, call 1-800-638-5433 to order the free Life Advice brochures "Social Security" and "Long Term Care."

Banks accepting donations for relief efforts

Several Canadian financial institutions will help to support Red Cross relief efforts in the earthquake-ravaged state of Gujarat, in western India, by accepting cash donations on behalf of the Canadian Red Cross, effective Wednesday, January 31st.

"The primary need is for cash contributions to enable the Red Cross to pursue its priorities of providing medical supplies and assistance, blankets and temporary shelter to the thousands of injured and hundreds of thousands left homeless," said José Garcia-lozano. Acting National Director of International

Programs, Canadian Red Cross. "Cash donations allow supplies to be produced locally, which is a much more efficient way to help those affected by this disaster."

Beginning Wednesday, donations earmarked "India Earthquake Relief Fund" will be accepted at the following institutions:

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APIEP provides summer employment for students

The Agricultural Processing Industry Employment Program (APIEP) provides employment opportunities for career-related experience and skill training in Alberta's processing industry for at least 30 students from May 1 to August 31, 2001.

Processors who hire a student for the summer are reimbursed for one-third of the employee's salary, up to \$500 per month and to a maximum of \$2,000 for the summer.

"The APIEP is funded by Alberta Human Resources and Employment (AHRE) and administered by Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development," says Christine Paproski, program delivery specialist with Alberta Agriculture, Edmonton.

"The program began in the summer of 1996. Pending confirmation of funding from AHRE in early March, the program will be running again in the summer of 2001."

Employers must be the owner of a value-added processing business, located in Alberta. Students must be attending a post-secondary institution, enrolled in a degree, diploma, or certificate program (returning to school in the fall), and may not be a relative of the employer. Employment must provide career-related experience for the student and must be full-time for at least four continuous weeks within the

program period.

"The program is valuable for both the processor and the student," adds Paproski.

"Companies are able to hire qualified summer help at reduced cost and students gain valuable experience that may help them in attaining future employment."

Over 200 processors in the province were sent an application package on January 15, 2001.

Processors who did not re-

ceive a package and who want to be added to the mailing list should contact Paproski at (780) 427-3124.

Employers have until the end of April to recruit a student and submit their completed application.

Further details regarding program guidelines and application forms are available on the Alberta Agriculture website at: http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/ministry/programs/ag_processing.html

Water supply outlook

February 2001 Water Supply Outlook for Alberta

Winter precipitation, November 1, 2000 to January 31, 2001, was much-below-normal across most of Alberta. In January, precipitation was sparse in the Plains area, with most locations recording little or no precipitation.

As a result, snowpack in the Plains area for the province is below-average to much-below-average.

Fall precipitation (September to October) was near normal in southern areas of the province, above-normal in the north and below-normal in central regions, leaving most areas with dry soil moisture conditions heading into the winter.

The February 1, 2001 forecast is for much-below-normal spring run off in north-central, central and southern Alberta. Spring runoff is forecast to be below-normal in northern Alberta as well as the Sundre region.

Mountain Snow Conditions and Water Supply Forecasts

Fall precipitation (September to October) was near normal in the south and below-normal in central regions and the foothills of western Alberta.

The lack of precipitation since April 2000 in southern Alberta

has resulted in soil moisture conditions being much-below-average heading into the winter season.

Much-below-normal precipitation amounts were recorded across the province in January. Precipitation remains much-below-normal for the winter season (November 2000 to January 2001).

As a result, the February 1 Mountain snowpack was much-below-average in all areas along the eastern slopes. A majority of the measurements completed

at the end of January set new historic minimum values. The only area along the mountains and foothills to have near normal accumulations is the Sundre area. Current predictions from Environment Canada and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are for above-normal precipitation for the February to May period in southern Alberta.

Water storage as of February 1, 2001 in the majority of irrigation and hydroelectric reservoirs in the Bow, Red Deer and North

Saskatchewan River basins is normal for this time of the season. The exceptions are: Lake Abraham, which is above-normal and Spray Lake, Lower Kananaskis Lake and Travers Reservoir, which are below-normal. In the Oldman River basin, reservoirs are below-normal.

As of February 1, 2001, much below-average May to September natural streamflow volume is forecast for the Milk, Oldman, Bow, Red Deer and North Saskatchewan River headquarters.



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Curlers battle fatigue and each other in Red Eye

by Marge St. Clair

The entry fee was low and the cash payouts were great and the 32 teams entered in this bonspiel showed the many spectators (all night long I must add) some great curling.

This brought together curlers from Lacombe, Red Deer, Bowden, Olds, Cremona, Calgary and Didsbury, and some of the curlers were even in night time attire, it was hilarious!

Five-end games were played, but there were many extra ends to break the ties at that point. After each game, the teams participated in "Human Curling," pushing one member of

the team on an ice saucer to the opposite house to qualify for points.

This called for a helmet on a team or two, but it was great fun and all enjoyed doing it and watching it.

When the games were all over, the event winners were:

A Event - Ski passes from Pepsi:

1. Mark Baron, Gil Dalziel, Dean and Deanna Hanrahan.
2. Gary Gaudette
3. Don Brauer
4. Kent Clifford

B Event - Pepsi & Molson T Shirts & Toques.

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Mark Baron, Gil Dalziel, Dean and Deanna Hanrahan were the 'A' event winners at the Red Eye Bonspiel held last weekend.



After each game, the teams participated in "Human Curling," pushing one member of the team on an ice saucer to the opposite house to qualify for points.

C Event - RPM Automotive, Anti Freeze & Oil

1. Jim & Bev Wilson, Ray and Arlene Herrick
2. Sharon Fulkerth
3. Carson Schultz
4. Adam Dingman

D Event - Didsbury Liquor & Beer Gift Certificates

1. Brad Halbauer, Mary Ellen Snyder, Don Shierman, Cindy Halbauer.
2. Marina MacLeod - Red Deer
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4. Rick Mousseau

Stan Laveck's team and Ron Dorion's team had tied in points for the "human curling" so they shared the prizes from Didsbury Massage Clinic and Kuelker's Supplies.

In between draws the bean bag toss, cards and darts kept the curlers occupied.

The winning teams had to supply staff for the kitchen and bar which worked out wonderfully well and we have some great cooks!

They did a superb job on the many early morning break-

fasts.

A beautiful golf bag from Alberta Treasury Branch drew lots of interest in ticket sales and it was Greg Hnatiuk who took home this prize.

All gave Carson a big round of applause for the many hours spent organizing this, also to Nick and Linda who overcame the adversities of a trip to the hospital in the ambulance after a fall in her first game, to keep the kitchen running smoothly all night and day-time.

Atom A's finish first

With a 5-3 win in High River on February 10 and a 5-1 win in Chestermere on February 11 the Atom A Dominators finished first in their league with a 11, 6, 2 record. Riding a nine-game winning streak, the Atoms headed to Olds on February 14 for game one of the second round of provincial play downs. There was little doubt that playoff hockey has arrived as the Dominators met a very spirited Olds hockey team. Despite poor travelling conditions the team headed north and hung on for a 5-3 victory. Game two returns to Didsbury on Saturday, February 17.

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TOWN OF DIDSBURY RCMP MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE

The Town of Didsbury has an immediate full-time permanent clerical position for an RCMP Municipal Employee at the Didsbury RCMP Detachment.

The successful candidate will possess accurate keyboarding skills; strong organizational and accurate filing skills; have an excellent command of the English language, both written and oral. Computer literacy (Word Perfect) would be a definite asset. The candidate must be able to work independently without supervision and yet be a strong team player in a very fast-paced active office environment and be able to meet strict project deadlines. The candidate should be outgoing and aware that there will be sensitive issues involved in day-to-day work that would require above average concentration and emotional strength. As well, the candidate must be able to maintain files confidentiality and is subject to Security Clearance (Criminal record Check).

The salary range for this position is \$11.62 to \$13.66 per hour, depending on experience.

The closing date for this position is February 16, 2001 at 4:30 p.m. All interested applicants are invited to forward a resume to:

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c/o Didsbury RCMP Detachment
2425 - 19th Street
Box 1270
Didsbury, Alberta
T0M 0W0

We thank all applicants in advance for their interest, but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. 43-2t

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If you are interested in this position, please fax your resume to:
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The Community Lottery Board,

a non-profit organization dealing with the distribution of lottery funds in the area, has an opening for a Didsbury-area representative. This volunteer position requires an individual with excellent organizational skills, an interest in their community, and the ability to be fair and impartial. Previous experience with lottery grants would be an asset. The Board meets approximately six times per year to discuss grant applications and to disperse lottery funds to community groups. If you are interested in sitting on the Community Lottery Boards, please send a resume and cover letter to: **Community Lottery Board, c/o Mountain View County, Bag 100, Didsbury, Alberta, T0M 0W0.** the application deadline is March 15, 2001 at 4 p.m. 44-1t

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Auditor General throws the book at Liberal Government

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose was angry this week when Auditor General Denis Desautels reported that he shares Canadians' anger and frustration over the federal government's persistent 'squandering' of taxpayers' dollars. This despite his countless pleas to improve the way public funds are managed.

"The Liberal arrogance was witnessed throughout the entire Auditor General's report. The Government is simply taking Parliament for granted by failing to report how taxpayer's money is being spent," said Thompson.

The Auditor General offered some simple advice for the government: 1. Don't waste public money; 2. Do nothing illegal and, 3. Act impartially, honestly and fair.

"The Auditor General found that the EI fund has a \$28.2 Billion surplus, almost twice the maximum amount the Chief Actuary of Human Resources Development Canada considers as a reserve. This money belongs to employers and employees, not the Liberal government. Contracting out and Crown Corporations are not being monitored effectively, and it is questionable as to whether Canadians are getting value for their money," said Thompson.

Some other concerns raised in the 19 chapter report included: the Defence Department's inability to explain if some of its expensive support services are productive or cost effective; the Canadian Food Inspection Agency shortcomings in its regulation and inspection of food; Chretien's patronage machine breeding incompetence on the board of directors of federal Crown corporations; and the health and safety of Canadians is in jeopardy with the recurring weaknesses ranging from allowing the sale of meat the US would ban to nuclear plant inspectors who are relying on intuition.

"The Auditor General asked why do problems persist year after year? I can tell him it is because the current government has no interest in changing the status quo and providing taxpayer's with value for their money. That has to change in the 21st century. Canadians deserve nothing less than respect for their hard-earned money," concluded Thompson.

Dragons' Den

The second semester is well underway. Both the Boys and Girls basketball games scheduled for Feb. 14 were cancelled. They were to play Sundre.

The Senior Boys basketball ranking on Feb. 2 was eighth in the province and first in our zone - South Central Zone. Way to go Dragons!

Congratulations to all three curling teams. The boys team, the girls team and the mixed team all placed first in their respective categories this past week. They are now on their way to the provincials.

On Feb. 14 the whole school was treated to an hour of wonderful music from Regina Composite High School, band and choir group.

There will be no school on Feb. 22/23 because of Teacher's Convention.

Mr. Ormiston is accepting nomination applications from those students wishing to participate in this year's Honor Band. The deadline for their applications is Feb. 20.

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